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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were irregular, trending mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally in a steady position but weaker for lighter weights in the Northeast. Retail demand was typically slow to fair as interest remained focused on pre-Thanksgiving Day needs. Food service was moderate at best. Supplies were adequate to ample with smaller sizes in the longest position in the Northeast. Processing schedules for next week are light due to holiday and adjust more to the light buying interest. In the parts structure, wings and gizzards had the best clearance, breast items were more than sufficient with little interest, and dark meat items were balanced with fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, mostly desirable.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/22-11/27/99 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
(Including branded product)		WTD	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—	
Chicago	51.00-53.00	48.00-64.00	53.65
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	
Denver	63.50	—	
Detroit	TFEWR	—	
Los Angeles	64.00	—	
New York	58.00-60.00	—	
Philadelphia	TFEWR	—	
Pittsburgh	TFEWR	—	
St. Louis	TFEWR	—	
San Francisco	64.50	—	
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	58.00-59.50	44.50-59.50	57.88
			82

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
573	54.90-61.70	58.30
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	138.50	3,817
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50	1,565
THIGH MEAT - B/S	65.50	541
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	7,227
WINGS	68.50	2,427

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**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was seasonally ight to fair with little trading due to increased interest for other meat items for Thanksgiving holiday. Supplies were at least sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Processing schedules for next week are part time with some plants scheduled to run only three days. In the parts structure, wings were adequate to tight with good movement, dark meat items were in balance with some increase in demand reported. Breast items were adequate to fully sufficient and sluggish. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was generally steady with trading for next week's deliveries mainly unchanged on regular commitments, however some discounts were reported on new negotiations. Offerings easily adequate to cover pre-Thanksgiving day needs. Retailer demand was light for wholebody and moderate for parts, best to cover features and fast food needs. Dealers anticipated fair to satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was barely steady on breasts, fully steady on wings with balance of parts about steady.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next weeks trading into Chicago were unchanged and TFEWR elsewhere from Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Offerings were available, buyer interest light. Retail demand was slow and typical for a pre-Thanksgiving Friday. Food service movement was light to fair. Floor stocks were balanced to ample, sizes desirable. In the parts complex, wings were clearing for the adequate to short supplies, breast interest was light to moderate for at least adequate supplies, dark meat items trading fair. Trade sentiment steady to firm on wings, about steady on balance.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about fair. Offerings continued to vary according to size. Larger birds were adequate to tight and lighter weights were available. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was light to moderate as consumers were distracted by holiday items. The market tone was no better than steady on smaller sizes and at least steady on heavier weights. In the parts market, bone-in breasts continued to weaken. The balance of items were at least sufficient for current needs.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light and unaggressive. Offerings were light and generally no more than adequate on the heavier weights; readily available and somewhat difficult to clear on the smaller sizes. Live supplies were seasonally moderate; weights varied but were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were again light as plants realigned operations in an effort to keep pace with the rapidly declining buyer interest. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 72 cents. Wings and gizzards continued to clear well. Other items were generally noted as adequate or available.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA. **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	57-77
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.10
NO. OF BOXES	7,934
CUMULATIVE	11/15/99-11/19/99 62.85
	11/16/98-11/20/98 61.32
NO. OF BOXES	11/15/99-11/19/99 40,532
	11/16/98-11/20/98 34,143

\*6 of 8 plants reporting.

NOV 18, 1999

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

NOV 19, 1999

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ITEM	POUNDS			WTD	POUNDS			WTD	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	628	115.00-193.00	130-135	135.30	622	120.00-193.00	130-135	134.96	3,095	139.65
TENDERLOINS	59	130.00-167.00	130-135	144.58	100	130.00-167.00	130-135	139.90	742	147.71
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	71.00-78.00	71-72	71.64	TOO FEW TO REPORT				414	72.17
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				59	51.00-60.00	-	54.66	309	63.01
LEGS	89	23.00-34.00	23-25	24.11	120	23.00-34.00	23-25	26.67	559	24.13
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	389	15.00-19.00	15-16	16.22	469	15.00-19.00	15-16	16.40	1,886	16.53
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,200	17.50-20.50	19-20	19.74	1,296	17.50-21.00	20	19.84	6,098	19.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	132	60.00-68.50	-	64.53	122	61.00-72.00	-	66.10	533	64.25
WINGS (CUT)	519	75.00-88.00	78-80	81.19	569	75.00-90.00	78-81	81.53	2,536	81.09
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				175	62.86
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR NOV 18, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR NOV 19, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.					

RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
33.50 - 44.00		38.36	33.00 - 39.50		35.53	40.31

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity continued slow heading into the weekend as holiday items were of main concern this week. Offerings of bone-in breasts were ample, and all other items were about adequate to fully adequate for limited demand. Retail and distributive movement was very quiet. The market tone was weak on bone-in breasts and generally steady on the balance.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	NOV 18, 1999			NOV 19, 1999				
	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD		WTD	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	130.58	487,200	130-135	129.68	531,200	131.93	2,382,600
TENDERLOINS	130	133.11	63,080	130	133.61	39,320	135.51	315,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	75.10	162,120	61-62	76.94	55,720	75.95	665,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	62.44	174,600	61	59.82	164,000	65.62	815,920
LEGS	26-27	30.43	143,400	26-27	30.48	129,000	30.14	801,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.44	263,296	16-17	18.94	231,856	18.48	1,578,492
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	32.99	72,770	34-35	38.81	34,880	33.78	343,782
THIGHS	19-20	28.66	48,440	19-20	25.19	37,440	27.03	253,182
B/S THIGHS	70-71	72.27	32,080	70-71	70.90	29,000	71.77	164,150
WINGS (WHOLE)	69-70	78.56	172,200	69-70	79.50	110,160	77.87	824,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04	28,440	10-12	11.84	11,200	11.98	131,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.95	25,136	45-50	44.51	8,240	50.39	114,146
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	60.28	26,360	55-60	59.03	14,520	56.81	128,530

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	11/19	11/18	11/17	11/16	11/17	11/16	11/12	11/10
ALA	3,744	3,819	3,898	3,838	5.08	5.00	3,766	5.05
ARK	5,478	5,151	5,224	5,188	4.75	4.79	4,598	4.78
DELMARVA	2,129	1,937	2,473	2,006	5.07	5.00	2,010	4.97
KY-LA-TN	1,535	1,826	1,806	1,337	4.41	4.15	1,739	4.33
MISS	3,125	2,745	2,781	2,462	5.12	5.07	2,662	5.12
NC	2,634	2,568	2,542	2,585	5.71	5.89	2,788	5.86
TEXAS	2,193	1,969	2,096	2,228	4.63	4.75	1,937	4.76
TOTAL	20,838	20,015	19,499	19,644	4.97	4.98	19,500	4.99
MON-FRI	100,215(A)						99,415(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Nov and 20-Nov-99 is estimated to be 31,176,000 up 6.54 percent from a week ago and down 1.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,262,000; last year 31,594,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 20-Nov-99 is estimated to be 152,456,000 head up 2.7 percent from a week ago, and up 3.4 percent from a year ago (Last week 148,379,000 Last year 147,385,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	79-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	76-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-97
	DRY PACK	107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		149-166

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Nov. 06, 1999 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning

Food service

4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	35,651	35,805	39,580
Avg Weight	3.82	4.88	6.16
% of total /1	32%	32%	36%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	31,898	27,049	44,859
Avg Weight	3.84	4.87	6.12
% of total /1	31%	26%	43%
Same week, yr ago /2	25,016	32,326	38,374
Avg Weight	3.85	4.76	6.06
% of total /1	26%	34%	40%
To date/1999	1,406,676	1,376,820	1,804,792
To date/1998	1,502,347	1,599,588	1,301,805

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 13-Nov-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	148,379(A)	1,848	1,550	3,398	406
AVGWT	5.02	3.35	7.73	5.35	6.24
LAST WEEK	154,731	1,785	1,416	3,201	433
YR AGO	151,333	1,680	1,310	2,990	456
AVGWT	4.95	3.46	7.93	5.42	6.52
TO-DATE/1999	6,832,017	93,185	63,949	157,134	19,835
TO-DATE/1998	6,590,095	91,180	56,734	147,914	20,266

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 144.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 150.2 million head or 6.0 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY-- DATE OF AUCTION** NOV 16, 1999

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE	RANGE
Banty Hens	1.00 - 3.50ea.	Pekin Ducks .40 - .62
Banty Roosters	1.50 - 5.00ea.	Pigeons 1.50 - 2.35ea.
Bunnies	1.00 - 5.50ea.	Pullets 4-6 .70 - 1.10
Chukars	1.50 - 2.50ea.	Rabbits 4-6 .80 - 1.16
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .84	Rabbits 7-11 .70 - 1.02
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.50 - .74	Red Fowl 4-4.5 .50 - .62
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.50 - .78	Red Fowl 5-6 .60 - .82
Doves	1.00 - 3.00ea.	Silgies 1.50 - 2.75ea.
Geese 9-14	.22 - .38	White Pigeons 2.00 - 2.75ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.25 - 1.95	
Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 6.00ea.	
Kid Goats	15.00 - 28.00ea.	
Leghorn Hens	.20 - .28	
Leghorn Roosters	.20 - .32	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.30 - .48	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.25 - .42	

Total Coops Sold 772

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE FOR WEEK OF 15-NOV-99

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	59-64	59-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83	71-75

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was mostly good. Sizes were desirable to at times heavy. Slaughter schedules were at normal levels. Prices to first receivers for 10-18 oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.25, legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in legs at \$1.15-1.70, gizzards \$1.30-1.40, wings at \$0.40-.60, and leg quarters at \$1.08-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 15-NOV-99

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	117-119	118
MOSTLY		

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
OCTOBER 9	154.9	149.7	103	5.06
16	155.2	148.5	105	5.08
23	155.9	148.3	105	5.06
30	153.9	148.5	104	4.97
NOVEMBER 6	156.6	148.3	106	5.12
13	150.2	144.2	104	5.02
YEAR TO DATE	6916.6	6831.0	101	
NOVEMBER 20		140.5		
27		140.3		

**CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** W/E 13-Nov-99

IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 3,971 HD, 20,451 lbs., Light Hens 200 HD, 652 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	THOUSANDS				
W/E	11/20/99	11/13/99	%CHG	11/21/98	%CHG
Broilers	152,456	*148,379	+03	*147,385	+03
Cattle	676	674	0	*673	0
Hogs	2,021	2,045	-01	*2,191	-08

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were unchanged on light canners and unchanged to slightly higher on heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fairly good on heavy canners and fair but unaggressive on light's. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
23-27 MAJORITY 25.5-26.25	32-37 MAJORITY 34.75-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
26.5-29 MAJORITY 26.5-27	31-39 MAJORITY 36.5-37

**EASTERN LIGHT** Prices were unchanged. Demand was slow and unaggressive for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week are less than normal as most are only working three days. The undertone was no better than steady.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light as offerings were ample for reduced needs. Processing schedules were less than normal as most were on holiday schedules. The undertone was mostly steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN** Prices remained unchanged. Demand was usually moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate for current processing needs. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT** Plant schedules moderate this week, lighter next week due to the holiday. Offerings adequate.

### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b><u>HEAVY</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<b><u>LIGHT</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.5	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

### **NEW YORK SEASONAL HOLIDAY ITEMS** FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 1999.

#### **CAPONS:**

Supplies of USDA grade A frozen capons ranged close balance to adequate. Buyers booked product needs for the upcoming holiday period. Early deliveries were in progress. Average weights were in a full range. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

#### **DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:**

6-9 LBS.	1.56-1.65	MOSTLY 1.56
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#### **GEESE:**

Supplies of frozen USDA grade A geese continued in close balance. Prices were unchanged. Processors operated regular schedules and packed to fill orders already booked. Product for the upcoming holiday period were being delivered. Average weights were desirable.

#### **DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:**

6-8 LBS.	TFEWR
8-10 LBS.	1.63-1.75
10-12 LBS.	1.63-1.75
12 LBS. AND UP	1.63-1.75

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

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